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RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 7, 2006, Applicant requests the Patent Office to reconsider and allow the application. No amendment is made in this response.

The Final Office contends that Schneider teaches buffering data to support both ARQ and FEC error corrections in Col. 5, lines 20-22 and 52-55 and Col. 6, lines 3-6. This contention, however, apparently is based on an incorrect reading of Schneider.

The above cited portions in Schneider specifically point to the buffers 12 in FIG. 1 (see, Final Office Action at page 3, lines 6-9). Per Schneider, the buffers 12 are used to store ARQ signals and to retransmit data corresponding to the detected errors (Col. 6, lines 3-14).

However, contrary to the contention in the Final Office Action, the buffers 12 in Schneider do not buffer any data for

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